

## AUTISM CONFERENCE

**DATE:** September 17 and 18, 2007

**WHERE:** Livingston, Montana  
Chico Hot Springs Resort

**SPONSOR:** The Montana Office of Public Instruction in Cooperation with the Park County Special Education Cooperative and MCASE

**AUDIENCE:** Psychologists, Speech and Occupational Therapists, Administrators, Resource Teachers, Paraeducators, Early Childhood Educators, Parents, Advocates

**REGISTRATION FEE:** There will be no registration fee for this conference. Those who attend will need to pay for their travel, motel room and meals.

The Office of Public Instruction, in cooperation with the Park County Special Education Cooperative and MCASE, would like to announce an Autism Conference featuring:

Dr. Tom Mates, PhD., Psychologist, Post Clinical Director Wilmington TEACCH Ctr., Associate Clinical Professor, Medical School UNC-CH, and Post Doctoral Fellow in Pediatric Psychology and Developmental Disabilities.

Kaia Mates, MSW – Educational Consultant, affiliated with Division TEACCH, UNC – Chapel Hill, currently involved with the Early Intervention Project for Children with Autism.

### **Agenda:**

#### Monday, September 17—8:30 a.m. to Noon

General Session – Dr. Tom Mates will present the state of the art of current research related to diagnosis and treatment of Autism. Topics will include an explanation of the Autism Spectrum, the essence of Autism, a review of various recognized interventions such as TEACCH, Applied Behavioral Analysis, and Floortime.

#### Monday, September 17—1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Dr. Mates will review assessment, evaluation, and diagnosis of Autism, including primary rating instruments, what constitutes the essential elements of an evaluation, and what assessments provide information upon which to design appropriate goals.

Kaia Mates will lead a second group in a review of the current research related to structured teaching, the need for routine, how to maximize the instruction environment and early intervening services.

*Tuesday, September 18—8:30 a.m. to Noon*

The day will begin with Dr. Tom Mates presenting on Autism and associated disorders, including anxiety, obsessive compulsive behaviors, and hyperactivity. Tom and Kaia will present case studies which will demonstrate instructional techniques for children who present with multiple disorders.

*Tuesday, September 18—1:00 to 2:00 p.m.*

Following lunch, Tom and Kaia will conclude topics from the morning session.

*Tuesday, September 18—2:00 to 4:00 p.m.*

On Monday evening attendees will be asked to submit written questions, specific to children you serve. The conference will conclude with Tom and Kaia responding to those specific questions.

Whether you are just now being introduced to a child with Autism or if you are a veteran of many years of service you will find this conference will provide information that you will be able to use to design or revise programs for children with Autism.

**Accommodations:**

**Chico Hot Springs** has reserved 59 rooms for the evening of Sunday, September 16, and Monday, September 17. Rooms range in price from \$49 to \$209 and will be available on a first-call basis. Ask for the rooms blocked for the Park County Special Education Cooperative Autism Conference. The number for reservations is 406-333-4933.

Other area motels include the following (**rooms have not been blocked** for this conference at the following locations):

**Econo Lodge** at 222-0555    **Travelodge** at 222-6320    **Super 8** at 222-7711

**Additional Information:**

Lunch will be provided at the conference location. Breakfast and dinner are on your own. Dinner in the dining room at Chico is by reservation only.



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# Registration Form

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### Autism Conference at Chico Hot Springs

Registration must be completed by September 7.  
Enrollment is limited to 150 participants.

Send or Fax Registration to:

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

District/Coop \_\_\_\_\_

Which of the following describes your area of interest (school psychologist, speech pathologist, resource teacher, paraeducator, parent, director, regular education teacher, school administrator)? \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (best way to reach you) \_\_\_\_\_

## 12 Renewal/Recertification Credits Available!

Registration is open to regular and special education teachers, school administrators, special education directors, school psychologists, speech pathologists, paraeducators, and parents.



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